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Vital statistics of Bahia, Brazil, for months of July and August, 1898.

	July.	August.		July.	August.
Maximum temperature.....	26° C.	26.5° C.	Deaths:		
Minimum temperature.....	22°	20°	Male.....	183	159
Average temperature.....	23.95°	23.49°	Female.....	154	178
Relative humidity.....	48.50	85.75	Nationality—		
Rainfall.....	34mm	81mm	Brazilian.....	308	311
Cases of infectious diseases:			Portuguese.....	8	3
Yellow fever—			Italian.....	1	2
Male.....	9	6	Spanish.....	1	1
Female.....	2	0	Arabian.....	1
Smallpox—			African.....	16	15
Male.....	9	9	Unknown.....	2	5
Female.....	6	6	Cause of deaths—		
Race—			Smallpox.....	1	2
White.....	1	0	Yellow fever.....	7	4
Negro.....	2	0	Enteric fever.....	3	1
Mixed.....	2	5	Typhus fever.....	0	1
Unknown.....	10	10	Beriberi.....	5	2
Has been at some time			Pulmonary tubercu-		
vaccinated.....	4	0	losis.....	51	49
Has never been vacci-			Malarial fevers.....	22	16
nated.....	10	15	Bronchitis.....	16	21
Without declaration.....	1	0	Circulatory diseases.....	39	27
Treated in hospital.....	4	5	Carcinoma.....	2	2
Died.....	1	2	Pneumonia.....	12	5
Treated at home.....	11	10	Diarrhea and dysen-		
Died.....	0	0	tery.....	21	35
Births, alive:			Tetanus.....	2	5
Male.....	31	38	Syphilis.....	1	4
Female.....	21	37	Cerebral hemorrhage		
Legitimate.....	30	37	and congestion.....	11	18
Illegitimate.....	22	36	Meningitis.....	7	5
Marriages.....	20	9	Nephritis.....	15	9
Stillborn:			Tetanus infantile.....	10	10
Male.....	7	11	Other causes.....	112	95
Female.....	6	7			

The residence of these in Bahia was as follows: 1 for a few days, 1 for one month, 1 for four months, 2 for six months, 1 for seven months, 1 for fifteen months, and 2 an unknown time. Their nationality was: 2 Brazilian, 4 Portuguese, 1 Spanish, 1 Italian, 2 Norwegian.

Resident in Bahia: 2 fifteen days, 1 five months, 1 seven months, 1 eight months, and 1 four years. Nationality: 2 Brazilian, 2 Spanish, 1 German, and 1 English.

Sanitary reports from Rio de Janeiro.

RIO DE JANEIRO, January 17, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit to you the official report for the week ended January 6: There were 313 deaths from all causes, an increase of 44, as compared with the foregoing week; 12 deaths from *accessio pernicioso*, a decrease of 4; 11 deaths from yellow fever, an increase of 3; 4 deaths from smallpox, a decrease of 1; 1 death from typhoid fever, a decrease of 1; 2 deaths from measles, an increase of 1; 2 deaths from whooping cough, none before; 7 deaths from beriberi, an increase of 4, and 54 deaths from tuberculosis, an increase of 2. * * *

Information.—The state of health of Rio de Janeiro is growing worse. The atmospheric conditions are satisfactory for the beginning summer season. The hot hours of the day are followed by refreshing showers, sometimes very abundant. In spite of that, however, infectious diseases increase, especially yellow fever, which has continued on a small scale during the past months. Therefore, the prediction made in my reports will be realized. There were observed in the first week of December 5 cases of yellow fever and 5 deaths; then, in the following weeks, also 5 cases of yellow fever and 5 deaths, 7 cases and 4 deaths, and 11 cases and 8 deaths; and now, in January, 16 cases and 11 deaths, and 28 cases and 20 deaths.

There occurred, besides, a considerable number of doubtful cases under the term of *accessio pernicioso*.

Smallpox also continues. In the weeks counting from the beginning of December, there were 7, 2, 7, 8, 4, and 7 deaths. The deaths from all causes do not show a high number. Therefore, we may state that it is not the general state of health that has deteriorated, but that the conditions are more conducive to the infectiousness of the yellow fever germ.

The foregoing refers to the state of health in the city of Rio de Janeiro.

The sanitary state in the harbor has been extraordinarily good during the last months and also at present.

Since last report the following-named ships have been inspected and received bills of health of this office: January 14, steamship *Cordoba*, French, for New Orleans, and steamship *Leonore*, Dutch, for Sabine Pass. January 16, steamship *Obers*, Belgian, for New York, and steamship *Vectis*, British, for New Orleans.

Respectfully, yours,

W. HAVELBURG, M. D.,
Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.

The SUPERVISING SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

RIO DE JANEIRO, January 27, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit to you the official report for the week ended January 13. There were 298 deaths from all causes, a decrease of 15, as compared with the foregoing week; 15 deaths from *accessio pernicioso*, an increase of 3; 20 deaths from yellow fever, an increase of 9; 7 deaths from smallpox, an increase of 3; no deaths from typhoid fever, a decrease of 1; 1 death from diphtheria, an increase of 1; 2 deaths from measles, the same as before; 2 deaths from beriberi, a decrease of 5, and 52 deaths from tuberculosis, a decrease of 2. * * *

Since last reports the following-named ships have been inspected and received bills of health of this office: January 20, steamship *Buffon*, British, for New York. January 21, steamship *Darlearlia*, German, for New York; schooner *Mabel Jordan*, American, for New York; bark *Zamfruland*, Norwegian, for Mobile, Ala.

Respectfully, yours,

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CANADA.

MONTREAL, February 23, 1899.

SIR: The present status of smallpox in the province is as follows :

Municipality.	County.	Population.	Date of outbreak.	New cases since last report. (a)	Total cases since outbreak.	Died.	Recovered.	Still sick.	Houses infected since outbreak.	Houses still infected.
Coteau du Lac	Soulanges.....	1,276	Dec. 10	0	5	0	5	0	1	0
Coteau Landing.....	do	507	Dec. 29	0	1	1	0	0	1	0
St. Telesphore.....	do	1,307	Jan. 12	0	5	0	1	4	1	1
Waltham and Bryson....	Pontiac	361	Feb. 13	61	1	0	0	1	1	1

^a Date of last report, February 15.

^b Escaped from an infected house at Farrans Point, Ontario. Was seen by a physician and diagnosed on February 19 only. Some more cases expected from the number of persons exposed previous to case being attended by a physician and reported.

Yours, respectfully,

ELIZÉAR PELLETIER,
Secretary Board of Health of the Province of Quebec.